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EXCEPTIONS TO CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

The following exceptions apply to individual actions within categorical exclusions (516 DM 2, Appendix 2). Environmental documents must be prepared for actions which may:

<u>DM #</u>	<u>Exception</u>
2.1	Have significant adverse effects on public health or safety.
2.2	Have adverse effects on such unique geographic characteristics as historic or cultural resources, park, recreation or refuge lands, wilderness areas, wild or scenic rivers, sole or principal drinking water aquifers, prime farmlands, wetlands, floodplains, or ecologically significant or critical areas, including those listed on the Department's National Register of Natural Landmarks.
2.3	Have highly controversial environmental effects.
2.4	Have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks.
2.5	Establish a precedent for future actions or represent a decision in principle about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects.
2.6	Be directly related to other actions with individually insignificant but cumulatively significant environmental effects.
2.7	Have adverse effects on properties listed or eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.
2.0	Have adverse effects on species listed or proposed to be listed on the List of Endangered or Threatened Species, or have adverse effects on designated critical habitat for these species.
2.9	Require compliance with Executive Order 11988 (Floodplain Management), Executive Order 11988 (Protection of Wetlands), or the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act.
2.10	Threaten to violate a Federal, State, local or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment.